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GVEZMK INDIAN EXPRZJA OF FEBRUARY 74 HEADLINED A STORY THAT

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE TO AUSTRALIA S. SINHA

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WAS "RUSHING" TO CANBERRA TO PREPARE FORMAL
VISIT OF FOREIGN

SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH TO TALK ABOUT MAINTAINING THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE TELLS US THE STORY IS INACCURATE. AMBASSADOR SINHA HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO LEAVE ABOUT THIS TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL INDO-AUSTRALIAN BILATERAL TALKS WHICH HAD BEEN POSTPONED FROM LATE 1973. THESE TALKS (FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 2) ARE EXPECTED TO FOCUS MAINLY ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS AND ON SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. AS OF THIS TIME, THE INDIAN OCEAN IS NOT EVEN A SEPARATE ITEM ON THE AGENDA, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AMONG VARIOUS MULTILATERAL FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. KEWAL SINGH WILL CONTINUE ON TO NEW ZEALAND AFTER THE TALKS IN AUSTRALIA.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE REPORTING THIS NON-EVENT BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT INDIA IS IN TOUCH WITH LITTORAL STATES ABOUT THE DIEGO GARCIA/INDIAN OCEAN ISSUE (REFTEL). IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS IS UNDERWAY. INDEED WE HAVE NOTED THE RESTRAINED TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT IN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. THE GOI APPEARS TO HAVE GONE ONLY FAR ENOUGH IN ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO MEET ANTICIPATED PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS WHEN PARLIAMENT RECONVENES FEBRUARY 18 AS TO WHETHER IT HAS PROTESTED THE EXPANSION OF THE DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY.
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